

# NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2023

## Whimble Primary School

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### King Charles III Coronation

It was great to see everyone dressed up today. Miss Clarke did an amazing job with our Year 5 children who performed in a special assembly so we now all know more about our Kings and Queens, past and present.

All the children then enjoyed a small tea party in their classes (unfortunately the weather did not allow us to all join together outside) and have been given their Coronation mug kindly donated by the Parish Council.



### Sickness

Just a reminder that if a child is sick they need to be kept home for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness. We have a number of children off in our younger classes at present. As we do at school, please continue to remind them about good hygiene and handwashing.

### Drama Club

There are still a few spaces available for our Drama Club that will start on Monday 15th May for 4 weeks. It will run by Miss Clarke and Miss Norton from 3.30pm to 4.30pm and is open to children in Year 2, 3 and 4.

Dates are: Monday 15th and 22nd May, 5th and 12th June. The cost will be £5 per week. If you would like to reserve a place for your child please use this link. If you would like your child to access this club and are having difficulties financially, please come and talk to us and we will see what we can do to support you. Families in receipt of free school meals, complete the form and come and see us. <https://forms.gle/dcapFngerq2UqHzv5>

### Parent Support

Please find attached information with regards Smart Watches and how to help use them safely.

## Easy Fundraising

It's the time of year to start thinking about school trips for the summer term - the PTA is pleased to be able to subsidise the cost of these school trips, and you can help us to do this by using Easy Fundraising.

The more funding we have coming in, the more we can help with the cost of activities provided by the school. If you have relatives who don't need to support other PTAs, why not consider asking them to download the Easy Fundraising app and supporting Whimple school?

Donations are continuing to come in, but we want to increase this in order to be able to keep supporting the school in with the lowest possible impact on parents, and Easy Fundraising is by far the best way to do this.

Whether it's online food shopping, Amazon purchases, new insurance policies or switching to a different electricity company, there is so much funding available for the school but it relies on you to claim it via the Easy Fundraising app.

Thank you for continuing to support our fantastic school and help give the children the best experience possible.

Sign up [here](#) to start donating today!

[How Easy Fundraising works](#)



## Gardening Club

In order for KS1 Gardening Club to continue this year, the school is in need of 2 or 3 volunteers for 2 hours a week. Please email [whimple.pta@gmail.com](mailto:whimple.pta@gmail.com) if you are interested.

## Top Talk

Top Talk Club is returning this summer!

The club is designed to raise self-esteem with lively talking and games to encourage the children's confidence in speaking with their peer group.



The club will be taught by Alison Shorer from [The Oracy Workshops](#), an experienced teacher, tutor and lecturer in education.

The club will be from 3.30pm - 5.00pm each **Wednesday** and run for 13 weeks from 19th April until 19th July 2023 at a cost of £7.50 for each session.

Please respond by completing the Top Talk Google form (link below).

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1MTmv800waXdMncnzjlmsCeiTcdbtf\\_bmfvHczKtcTg88/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1MTmv800waXdMncnzjlmsCeiTcdbtf_bmfvHczKtcTg88/edit)

# Dates for your diary

## May

Friday 5th May	Coronation tea party
Monday 8th May	Coronation Day Bank Holiday
Friday 12th May	Willow Forest School
Monday 15th May	Height/weight checks - Reception/Year 6
Friday 19th May	Oak Forest School
Friday 19th May	Vision screening - Reception
Friday 26th May	Class Photographs

Half term: Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June

## June

Thursday 22nd June	Sports Day 10-12.30pm
Friday 30th June	Non Pupil Day (staff training)

### Assessment arrangements for summer 2023

Month of May	Key Stage 1 SATs (Year 2)
Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th May	Key Stage 2 SATs
Week commencing 5th June	Multiplication tables check (Year 4)
Week commencing 12th June	Phonics Screening Check (Year 1/Year 2)

### Term dates for pupils - 2023/24:

#### AUTUMN TERM 2023

**6<sup>th</sup> September to 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

*Half term - 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023*

#### SPRING TERM 2024

**4<sup>th</sup> January to 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

*Half term - 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024*

#### SUMMER TERM 2024

**15<sup>th</sup> April to 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

*May Day holiday - 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024*

*Half term - 27<sup>th</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024*

*Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> September, 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 3<sup>rd</sup> June and 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024*

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